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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission withdrew charges against registered nurse **Kristine L. Welch** (RN00056108).

Chelan County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse applicant **Silvia Welton** (RN60219070).

Clallam County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Laurie N. Parr** (NC10082472) with unprofessional conduct. Parr allegedly failed to comply with the terms and conditions of a prior agreement.

Clark County

In April 2012 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Sanjeev K. Sharma** (DE00008301, CS10000466) with unprofessional conduct. Sharma also has a moderate sedation permit. The dental services he provided allegedly fell below the standard of care. He also allegedly advertised dental services at a reduced price but billed the insurer full price.

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Glenn E. Yauney** (RN00175915) from the terms of a prior agreement.

King County

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Holly Lee Albright** (NC60230161) because of a pending charge of vehicular assault.

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Karis Corin Bjerke** (CO60211455) and placed her certification on probation. Between 1993 and 2009, she was convicted of seven misdemeanors, two gross misdemeanors, and six felonies.

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program reinstated the certification of chemical dependency professional trainee **Iris S. Brown** (CO60148478).

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Vivian N. Tate-Swoopes** (NA00163696) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly formed a personal and romantic relationship with a patient.

In April 2012 the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program charged **Caroline L. Zimmer** (LR00002009) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly misused methamphetamines and alcohol, and failed to cooperate with the investigation.

In April 2012 the Podiatric Medical Board placed the credential of **John H. Brunsman** (PO00000246) on compliance monitoring for 36 months for providing substandard care.

In March 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program withdrew charges against chemical dependency professional **Denise Hipp** (CP00002146).

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation order for licensed practical nurse **Crystal D. Powell, aka Crystal D. Girard** (LP00055556).

Kitsap County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration and certification of nursing assistant **Deliyha R. Hopkins** (NA00201558, NC60105581) and placed her credentials on probation for two years.

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation agreement for **Sarah E. Eichhorn** (CP60116500).

Pierce County

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission placed the credential of licensed practical nurse **Amos P. Brinkley III** (LP00037369) on probation for two years. He administered an extra dose of insulin to a patient without consulting other members of the patient's medical team.

In April 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Jennifer Dawn Woolery** (HC60259211) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was convicted of driving under the influence on two occasions.

In April 2012 the Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Melissa Ann Marie Wright** (CG60109517) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly claimed to have a psychology degree in a job application, and failed to cooperate with the investigation.

Skagit County

In April 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jessica Helen Pate** (CO60105693). Pate allegedly misused controlled substances while in a chemical dependency monitoring program.

Snohomish County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Michael R. Downer** (NA00187173) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly misappropriated more than \$16,000 from a patient to pay his bills and buy things for himself.

In March 2012 the Nursing Assistant program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Janet Nyambura Murumba** (NC60257876). She entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement and order of continuance on the charge of theft.

In April 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Be Thi Huynh** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. He allegedly was practicing as a massage therapist without a license.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation agreement for registered nursing assistant **Kareen C. Haughton** (NA60207836).

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission issued an amended statement of charges against registered nurse **Alieu Drammeh** (RN00175081) for unprofessional conduct. Drammeh allegedly used a fraudulent social security number and a forged signature.

Spokane County

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the agreed monitoring of registered nursing assistant **William Michael Crane** (NA60263595).

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Jessica Michelle Brown** (NC60272164) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of two counts of assault.

In March 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Teresa M. Couper** (RN00176866). She practiced without a valid credential for about two years.

In April 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation agreement for certified nursing assistant **Nigel W. Ducharme** (NC60176614).

Walla Walla County

In April 2012 the Board of Nursing Home Administrators accepted the voluntary license surrender of **Larry M. White** (NH00002207) to practice as a nursing home administrator.

Whatcom County

In April 2012 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse **Jennifer Lynn Wolford** (RN60191355). Wolford failed to meet licensing requirements, and has past unprofessional conduct as a licensed practical nurse.

Out of State

Mississippi: In April 2012 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Thomas L. Demoss** (DE00010497) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided substandard care while performing root canals on two patients, and failed to provide records requested by a patient. Demoss also failed to provide a written response requested by an agency investigator.

Oregon: In March 2012 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Craig W. Revels** (RN60091715). The summary suspension on his registered nurse credential in Washington is lifted. Revels voluntarily surrendered his license to practice as a nurse in Oregon.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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